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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for a two-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed on May 3, 2002, thereby extending the period for response to October 3, 2002.

A check for the fee of \$ 400.00 is attached to cover the petition fee. If this amount is deficient or if there are any other fees due in connection with this application, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 501324.

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Respectfully submitted,

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